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Commissioner for Patents
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Art Unit: 1631
Examiner: S. Zhou
Conf. No.: 2937

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/198,779 filed November 24, 1998
Inventors: Stefan A. BLEDIG *et al.*
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules Associated with the Methionine Degradation Pathway
Atty. Dkt: 16517.214

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Authorization is given to charge the statutory fee of \$430.00 for a two-month extension of time to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.214. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to maintain pendency of the above-identified application to coincide with the divisional application filed October 7, 2004, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.214.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

By the filing of this Petition and fee, Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time (from August 8, 2004, to October 8, 2004) in the above-identified application for the purpose of filing a divisional application based on this application.

The statutory fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$430.00 for a two (2) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to maintain pendency of the above-identified application to coincide with the filing of a divisional application on October 7, 2004, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$430 extension of time fee to counsel's deposit account is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,



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